

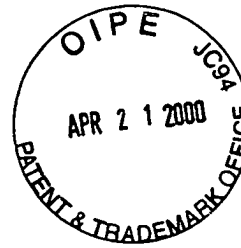
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thomas R. Cech et al.

Application No.: 08/846,017

Filed: April 25, 1997

For: NOVEL TELOMERASE

Examiner: Yvonne Eyler

Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
(ELECTION OF SPECIES)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2000 (paper 26), Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response for one (1) month, from March 15, 2000, to April 17, 2000 (April 15, 2000 was a Saturday) accompanies this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-28, without prejudice to reinstatement or future prosecution.